

REMARKS

Claims 5 has been amended and claims 3 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 still remain pending in this application.

I. Objection to Specification

First, the disclosure was objected to for the informality of two paragraphs on pages 13 and 14 referring to FIGURE 7 when they should have been referring to FIGURE 8. Accordingly, as suggested by the examiner, these paragraphs have been corrected.

The specification was objected to for not disclosing an upper and lower threshold. The specification discloses a "given threshold", as disclosed on page 13, lines 11-14. Accordingly, claim 5 has been amended to specify one threshold whereby scores below that threshold are discarded. Thus, the specification now provides antecedent basis for claim 5. Claim 6 has been canceled rendering moot the objection concerning claim 6.

II. Objection to Claims

Claim 3 was objected to as being incomplete. Claim 3 has been canceled rendering moot this rejection.

III. Rejection of Claims under Section 112

Claims 5 stands rejected under Section 112 as being indefinite because it requires and upper and lower threshold but the specification only discloses a single threshold. Accordingly, claim 5 has been amended to conform with the single threshold as disclosed in the specification. Therefore, claim 5 is now clear and definite. Claim 5, as amended, is now consistent with the disclosure and, therefore, clear and definite under Section 112.

Claim 6 has been canceled rendering moot the rejection of this claim.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

The office action states that claims 1-4 are allowable. Applicant submits that remaining claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are now fully allowable over the prior art.

V. Conclusion

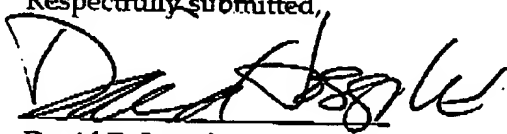
Applicant submits that Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, as amended, are allowable over the cited prior art. In view of the above, Applicants submit that pending Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Rejections and Objections are requested. Allowance of the pending claims at an early date is solicited.

If an extension of time is required for timely submission of this response, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time and the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-0900 for the appropriate additional fees in connection with the filing of this response.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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